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Subject:FW: Tow truck drivers

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Thanks everyone....we have had no success finding a company that will assist even with offers of enhanced rates. Some are getting threatened, harassed and even offered monies to not assist. We have called across Alberta, into SK and BC and into Montana. We have just engaged DOJ and Provincial Crown to look at whether "towing" can be deemed an essential service or emergency service given our situation. If so, this might give tow companies the "backing" they need to work against the pressure they are receiving. Also, the Premier advised this morning the Province has their Military Assistance Request submitted and expect to hear back today.

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Just to follow-up on Brian's email. If there are towing companies willing to help we can very quickly set up sole source contracts with premium rates using our emergency authorities. Our team is available this weekend to help in any way we can.

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Hi Curtis,

Kevin Brosseau and his team were participating in a F/P/T call this afternoon to scope out options, legislation, etc. Jen is looking into contracts.

We are expecting written updates from Kevin later today and will share accordingly.

Brian

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Hi,

Anything come from the call that might be helpful?

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Hey

Happy to participate in a call if that helps. PSPC would have to way in on this one though...under circumstances like this there is always a way though it using emergency authorities - we just need to ensure we invoke the right ones and get the right approvals.

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Good Morning all,

Might be worth exploring.....we have already offered to negotiate costs well above and beyond normal rates to several companies but still no takers. We have not communicated deeming companies reliable or unreliable.

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Jen,

The DM of transport sent me the following after I provided him with an update on Coutts:

Thanks Brenda. Great work by your folks -- The scene around Coutts is tough. My folks are working with provs on incentives on licensing and insurance.

In that light, is there possibly a way to incent some tow truck operators to show up to supplement whatever CAF/gov equipemnt can be mustered? Tow truck industry is murky with tough characters where Cities and police have an important role in them getting clients.

What if we said to each one 1) Really need you to supplement towing capacity to end this blockade. 2) Will pay/authorize double fees. 3) Those who respond and provide service will be considered "reliable" 4) For the next 18 months, we will have a province-wide police policy of only calling out/letting on scene "reliable" service providers. IE a polite blunt message that you show up or lose a year and half of business

Would this help in Coutts? It would seem to me it should help in Ottawa, given the importance of the City OPS and OPP in contracting/directing towing services for major events, snowplowing, ticket-and-tow and accidents.

It seems to me there may be a way to nudge the operators to show up given:

- 1) the fear of losing business to a bitter rival for the next year and a half
- 2) the psychology of the tide turning against the blockades.

This "blacklist" threat is not a tool we should use in normal times, but these are not normal times.

You and your folks know the industry MUCH better than me. Would this work?

I told him that procurement would need to weigh in on this...can you provide your thoughts?

Desperate times call for.....

Brenda